

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – COLORADO RIVER BASIN WATER BOARD
JANUARY 8, 2019**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING A NON-REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO MAKE ADMINISTRATIVE, EDITORIAL CHANGES THAT UPDATE LANGUAGE AND GRAPHICS RELATED TO THE SALTON SEA AND CORRECT GENERAL ERRORS

DISCUSSION

On June 14, 2018, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) adopted [Resolution R7-2018-0018](#), approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to make administrative, editorial changes that update language and graphics related to the Salton Sea and correct general errors (Amendment).

Part 1: Non-regulatory, Administrative Changes to Update Salton Sea Discussion

The proposed Amendment updates and revises descriptions and graphics related to the Salton Sea in Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Basin Plan; these changes reflect the current condition of the Salton Sea and recent legislative and regulatory developments, as well as provide additional necessary information in a clear and concise fashion. The proposed changes include the following:

- Update Salton Sea background information;
- Revise language for clarity;
- Update Chapter 1 figure titled “Colorado River Basin Planning Areas” and move it to the end of the chapter;
- Insert a map of the Salton Sea Watershed in Chapter 1, Section VI.F;
- Update information about Salton Sea’s current Clean Water Act 303(d) impairment listings and remove discussion of Selenium impairment, which was de-listed in 2012;
- Insert information about Salton Sea regulatory and policy changes and developments since 1992;
- Update information related to the current state of the Salton Sea; and
- Delete language that is redundant or obsolete.

Part 2: Non-regulatory, Administrative Changes to Correct General Errors

The proposed Amendment also corrects general errors throughout the entire Basin Plan, including the Cover Page, Foreword, Table of Contents, and Chapters 1 through 6. These changes correct typographical errors, clarify confusing language in the Basin Plan, update agency names, and standardize formatting and cross-referencing throughout the document. The proposed changes include the following:

- Standardize section heading formatting and numbering styles;

- Update the agency name of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- Make global changes to update writing style and citation format to conform more closely to the California Style Manual (4th Edition);
- Standardize all references to the Regional Water Board and State Water Board;
- Revise the Foreword for clarity and to make it up-to-date;
- Update Chapter 1 Sections I, II and III to add clarity as to the purpose, function, and organization of the Basin Plan, clarify the relationship between the Regional Water Boards and other entities, clarify legal basis for enforcement of federal and state permits, and update descriptions of board member duties;
- Update the Table of Contents in accordance with page and heading changes in other portions of the amendment;
- Make typographical and editorial changes to improve clarity and consistency, correct typographical errors and remove unnecessary and obsolete language;
- Modify the column heading format in the Beneficial Use tables;
- Update the Hydrologic Unit names to be consistent with the California Interagency Watershed Map;
- Replace outdated Figure 4-1 “Sewer Master Plan Phases” with an updated version that is consistent with the 2016 amendment that revised the Yucca Valley septic system prohibition;
- Standardize and update cross-references; and
- Make paragraph and page break deletions and insertions to keep headings on the same pages with the text or to remove unnecessary blank spaces.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approve the non-regulatory Amendment to the Basin Plan to make administrative, editorial changes that update language and graphics related to the Salton Sea and correct general errors, as adopted by Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution R7-2018-0018?

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no expected fiscal impact from the non-regulatory Amendment.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

The proposed Resolution approves a non-regulatory Amendment that makes administrative, editorial changes throughout the Colorado River Basin Water Board’s Basin Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the State Water Board approve the proposed Resolution.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the 2008-2012 Strategic Plan Update to “comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration [...] throughout California’s water planning processes.” Specifically, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 4.2 to have Basin Plans updated.